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Letter dated 14 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith a press release issued by the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations on the peace process in Darfur (see annex).

I should be grateful if the letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Press release

On 9 October 2016, the Joint Special Representative of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and Head of UNAMID, Martin Ihoeghian Uhomoibhi, issued a statement to the media on peace in Darfur. The statement covered, inter alia, the peace process in Darfur. He stated:

- "I met with Abdul Wahid on July 11 in Paris, where he resides; upon my request he agreed to hold a meeting of the Sudan Liberation Army leadership cadres in mid-September of this year to consider joining the peace process. He asked for UNAMID assistance. I agreed to assist but asked for a formal written letter to process the request. He agreed to write immediately but to date has failed to do so in spite of my writing two reminders."

- "I would like to take this opportunity to call on all Members of the United Nations and respective special envoys of influential countries to exert the necessary pressure on the Sudan Liberation Army/Abdul Wahid, to join the peace process."

The quoted statement clearly shows the apathy of Abdul Wahid about the suffering of the people he claims to fight for. It is hoped that the international community, especially the permanent members of the Security Council, will redouble their efforts to achieve a lasting peace in Darfur. This noble objective can be achieved only if real concrete pressure is put on the rebel movements to join the peace process and negotiate in good faith.